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In re Application of:

Michael BINNARD

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For: STAGE ASSEMBLY AND
EXPOSURE APPARATUS
INCLUDING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the continued examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add following new claims 29-32:

-- 29. (New) A stage assembly comprising:

a guide assembly including:

a first moving member movable in a first direction, the first moving member having a center of gravity;

a second moving member movable in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction, the second moving member having a center of

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